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SUBJECT: ENERGY SUPPLIES EMERGENCY ACT INTRODUCED IN COMMONS

1. ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD INTRODUCED "ENERGY SUPPLIES EMERGENCY ACT" IN HOUSE OF COMMONS DECEMBER 3. OPPOSITION CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR BILL AND ENACTMENT WIDELY EXPECTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. MACDONALD QUOTED AS DESCRIBING POWERS CONTAINED IN ACT AS "SWEEPING" BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MANY OF THEM WOULD NEVER HAVE TO BE USED.

2. IN BRIEF, LEGISLATION (WHICH COVERS PETROLEUM, COAL AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES) CREATES FIVE-MEMBER ALLOCATIONS BOARD TO PLAN CONTINGENCY MEASURES FOR THIS WINTER AND NEXT (LEGISLATION WOULD EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1974 BUT CAN BE EXTENDED FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR), TO OVERSEE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL RATIONING IF NECESSARY (MANDATORY WHOLESALE ALLOCATION SYSTEM CONSIDERED LIKELY EARLY IN 1974), AND TO FIX PRICES. PROPOSED LEGISLATION ALSO GIVES GOVERNMENT POWER ON EMERGENCY BASIS TO COMMANDEER SHIPS (INCLUDING FOREIGN VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS IF NECESSARY), RAILCARS, TRUCKS AND PIPELINES TO EFFECT ENERGY

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TRANSPORT. NEW BOARD FURTHER EMPOWERED TO SUSPEND POLLUTION

STANDARDS, TO SET ASIDE ANTI-COMBINES LAWS AND TO OVERRULE
THE CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION AND THE NATIONAL ENERGY
BOARD (NEB) IN MATTERS AFFECTING ENERGY SITUATION. (WITH
REGARD TO THE NEB THE LEGISLATION PROVIDES FOR EXPANDING
THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 7 MEMBERS.)

3. COPIES OF LEGISLATION (HOUSE BILL C-236) BEING POUCHED TO
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